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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This response is in reply to an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated September 8, 2003. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above identified application.

Three Month Extension. The shortened statutory period for reply, without extensions, expired on December 8, 2003. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to March 8, 2003, to respond to the Office Action.

Pursuant to the ultimate paragraph of this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 061116-0007-US.